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FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO PETER RODMAN AND L. PAUL BREMER  
FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER.

SECRETARY'S TRIP TO CHINA--IV-(TAKE ONE OF THREE)

FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION AS OF NOON  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1974, PREPARED BY USIA.

SUMMARY

FOREIGN MEDIA SPECULATED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ON THE MOOD IN  
PEKING, GENERALLY ASSUMING THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS KEEP  
U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS "TICKING" IN A DIFFICULT PERIOD FOLLOW-  
ING THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT AND BREZHNEV'S ULAN BATOR SPEECH.

CONTINUING COMMENT ON VLADIVOSTOK RESULTS CALLED ATTENTION  
TO U.S. DOMESTIC CRITICISM OF THE AGREEMENT ON LIMITATION  
OF NUCLEAR ARMS. NEVERTHELESS, MOST OBSERVERS SAW A SUCCESS  
FOR PRESIDENT FORD IN ESTABLISHING PERSONAL CONTACT WITH  
BREZHNEV. END SUMMARY

LONDON: THE INDEPENDENT TIMES OF LONDON FRIDAY CARRIED PEKING  
CORRESPONDENT DAVID BONAVIA'S OBSERVATION THAT DURING SECRETARY  
KISSINGER'S TALKS IN THE PRC "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE IS BELIEVED  
TO HAVE BEEN REACHED...ON MUTUAL COMPENSATION FOR CHINESE ASSETS  
FROZEN IN THE U.S. AND AMERICAN PROPERTY CONFISCATED IN CHINA...  
THE GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS HAVE  
BEEN KEPT TICKING OVER IN A DIFFICULT PERIOD."

ON THURSDAY BONAVIA REMARKED THAT THE PEKING TALKS WERE  
"BEING HELD IN WHAT THE CHINESE MUST REGARD AS THE SHADOW OF THE  
ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND  
MR. BREZHNEV...PEKING HAS MADE IT CLEAR OFTEN ENOUGH THAT IT  
HAS NO FAITH IN SUCH AGREEMENTS AND REGARDS THEM AS A THREAT  
TO ITS OWN INTERESTS AND THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES." REFERRING  
TO THE SOVIET LEADER'S REMARKS IN ULAN BATOR ON SINO-SOVIET RE-  
LATIONS, BONAVIA JUDGED THAT "FOR MR. BREZHNEV TO MAKE SUCH  
A SPEECH IN SUCH A PLACE AT SUCH A TIME SEEMS TO BE A WAY OF  
RUBBING IN THE RESULTS OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT MEETING.  
ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NO DIRECT RELEVANCE TO THE CHINESE TALKS WITH  
DR. KISSINGER, SUCH SOVIET TACTICS CAN DO NOTHING TO IMPROVE  
THE ATMOSPHERE.

"CAUGHT BETWEEN SOVIET TRUCULENCE AND WESTERN INSTABILITY,  
THE CHINESE MUST BE WONDERING WHETHER THE VAUNTED 'TRIANGULAR'  
DIPLOMACY OF DR. KISSINGER IS REALLY HELPFUL TO THEIR INTERESTS.  
IF THEY DECIDE THAT IT IS NOT HELPFUL, THE CHIESE MAY DROP OUT  
OF THIS COMPLEX GAME AND CONCENTRATE INSTEAD ON DEVELOPING

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THEIR RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY JAPAN."

THE INDEPENDENT LONDON WEEKLY ECONOMIST; OUT FRIDAY, VIEWED DR. KISSINGER'S SITUATION VIS-A-VIS THE CHINESE THUS: "THE GRAND PRESTIDIGITATOR HAD A PROBLEM IN PEKING THIS WEEK: HE WAS FRESH OUT OF THE RIGHT-SIZED RABBITS...WHETHER OR NO MR. KISSINGER EXTRACTS OR DELIVERS ANY GOODIES IN PEKING THIS WEEK, HE WILL HAVE POCKETED A SIZEABLE AND TIMELY GIFT FROM ULAN BATOR IN THE FORM OF MR. BREZHNEV'S FLAT REJECTION OF THE CONCILIATORY-SOUNDING PROPOSALS FOR SETTLEING THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER DISPUTES WHICH THE CHINESE PUT TO THE RUSSIANS" EARLIER THIS MONTH.

THUS, IT CONTINUED, DR. KISSINGER RECEIVED "AN INDEFINITE EXTENSION ON HIS HAPPY MONOPOLY OF TALKING WITH BOTH THE RUSSIANS AND THE CHINESE WHILE THEY REFUSE TO SPEAK WITH EACH OTHER. IT CANNOT LAST FOREVER. BUT AS LONG AS IT DOES, THE SCORE WILL REMAIN: ADVANTAGE-KISSINGER."

THE INDEPENDENT LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES SAID ON THURSDAY THAT THE CHINESE WERE "UNDERSTOOD TO BE DISAPPOINTED THAT THE AMERICANS HAVE NOT COME ARMED WITH FRESH INITIATIVES. TAIWAN STILL SEEMS TO REMAIN AN IMMOVABLE ROAD BLOCK ON THE WAY TO DETENTE."

THE WEEKLY INTELLECUTAL-LEFT NEW STATESMAN OF LONDON, OUT FRIDAY, CARRIED COMMENT BY ITS MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT, DEV MURARKA: "FOR THE CHINESE, THE GOINGS-ON IN VLADIVOSTOK HAVE COME AS SOMETHING OF A PAINFUL SURPRISE. THIS DELIGHTS THE RUSSIANS. THE IMPLICATIONS ARE THAT FORD'S COMING TO VLADIVOSTOK, SITUATED ON A TERRITORY NOMINALLY CLAIMED BY CHINA, CONSTITUTES A SNUB TO CHINA'S TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AND STRENGTHENS SOVIET BARGAINING POWER AGAINST PEKING....THE STRONG UNEQUIVOCAL SOVIET REPLY TO THE CHINESE WHILE DR. KISSINGER IS STILL IN PEKING TRYING TO SOOTHE THE CHINESE LEADERS,

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UNDERLINES THE FELLING OF GREATER STRENGTH WHICH MOSCOW NOW DERIVES FROM ITS CLOSE TIES WITH WASHINGTON. THIS, TOO, IS ONE OF THE BLESSINGS OF THE SUPERPOWER DETENTE WHICH THE WORLD HAD BETTER TAKE NOTE OF."

THE LIBERAL MANCHESTER GUARDIAN YESTERDAY RAN CORRESPONDENT SIMON WINCHESTER'S WASHINGTON REPORT THAT "A WAVE OF CRITICISM IS ALREADY BEGINNING TO ENGULF PRESIDENT FORD'S 'TRIUMPH' OF VLADIVOSTOK AS THE DETAILS OF WHAT SEEMS TO BE AN ASTONISHING STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT LEAK OUT HERE. THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT, FAR FROM 'PUTTING A CAP' ON THE INTERNATIONAL ARMS RACE, IS SEEN IN WASHINGTON AS DRIVING THE RACE FARTHER AND FASTER, IN PARTICULAR BY PERMITTING HUGE AND UNEXPECTED INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF MULTIPLE WARHEAD MISSILES THAT CAN BE DEPLOYED BY BOTH GREAT PWERS."

THE ECONOMIST, CITED ABOVE, JUDGED IN AN EDITORIAL THAT "IT IS GOOD THAT THE NEW PRESIDENT HAS MET THE SOVIET LEADER, IT IS GOOD THAT THEY APPEAR TO HAVE GOT ON WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND THAT THEY RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO TRY TO RESTORE IMPETUS TO THE ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS THAT HAD VIRTUALLY RUN OUT OF STEAM DURING MR. NIXON'S LAST MONTHS IN OFFICE. BUT THAT IS ABOUT AS FAR AS ONE CAN GO ALONG THE ROAD OF UNHESITATING APPROVAL. THE ACTUAL MERITS OF THE JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES... ARE LESS CLEARLY DISCERNIBLE..."

"MR. FORD MAY BE JUDGED TO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN HIS EVIDENT AIM OF ~~KEEPING OPEN~~ OPENING THE LINES TO MOSCOW THAT MR. NIXON AND AND MR. KISSINGER HAD ESTABLISHED DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS. HE COULD DO THAT MUCH WITHOUT SETTING OFF ANY MORE OF THE ALARMS, AMONG THE AMERICANS' EUROPEAN ALLIES OR IN CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON, THAT HAD MULTIPLIED IN THE LAST STAGES OF MR. NIXON'S PRESIDENCY WHEN FEARS GREW THAT HIS DESPERATE NEED FOR DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPHS TO OFFSET HIS DOMESTIC TROUBLES WAS LEADING HIM TO CONCEDE TOO MUCH TO HIS SOVIET BARGAINING PARTNER. FOR HIS PART, MR. BREZHNEV SHOULD BE CONTENT TO GET RATHER LESS OUT OF A PRESIDENT WHO

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HAS A FAIR CHANCE OF BEING AROUND LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE HIS UNDERTAKINGS STICK THAN HE AD SOUGHT TO GET FROM A VISIBLY SINKING ONE."

WEST GERMANY: PRESS REPORTS AND COMMENT THURSDAY AND FRIDAY STRESSED EFFECTS OF VLADIVOSTOK ON U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS, ON NATO RELATIONS AND ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

OF THE PEKING VISIT, PAPERS CARRIED A DPA REPORT THAT "KISSINGER SEES PROGRESS DURING HIS VISIT TO CHINA." FRIDAY'S DIE WE

T OF HAMBURG FRONT-PAGED WIRE-SERVICE REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY'S PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR PAULS AND ON CRITICISM OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE CHINESE PRESS. THE PAPER CARRIED A WASHINGTON STORY BY HEINZ BARTH UNDER THE HEAD, "PEKING MAKES KISSINGER FEEL ITS COOLNESS." (END TAKE ONE) UNQTE INGER SOLL

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